

Notebook to support Exercise 3.4.8, modeling yeast population growth.

The data, in time/population pairs.

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In[14]:= data = {{0, 9.6}, {1, 18.3}, {2, 29}, {3, 47.2}, {4, 71.1}, {5, 119.1},  
             {6, 174.6}, {7, 257.3}, {8, 350.7}, {9, 441}, {10, 513.3}, {11, 559.7},  
             {12, 594.8}, {13, 629.4}, {14, 640.8}, {15, 651.1}, {16, 655.9}, {17, 659.6}}
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A plot:

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In[15]:= plt1 =  
          ListPlot[data, AxesLabel → {"time (hours)", "Population (millions)"}, PlotStyle → {Red}]
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The number of data points is

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In[16]:= n = Length[data]
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Given that  $u(0) = 9.6$ , the solution to the logistic equation with intrinsic growth rate "r" and carrying capacity "K" is

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In[17]:= u[t_] = K / (1 + Exp[-r * t] * (K / 9.6 - 1))
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A least-squares function can be formed as

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In[18]:= SS = Sum[(u[data[[j, 1]]] - data[[j, 2]])^2, {j, 1, n}]
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Now adjust r and K to minimize this.